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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 9, 10 and 21-24, amend claims 1, 3, 15, 18 and 20, and add new claims 25-32 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A conveying path for articles, in particular for baggage containers, said conveying path comprising:

at least two spaced-apart conveyors which support articles, said at least two spaced-apart conveyors running parallel in a conveying direction, at least one of said conveyors having a driven endlessly circulating conveying belt guided over deflecting wheels wherein the articles can be carried on a top side of a top strand of said conveying belt;

carrying rollers arranged one behind the other in the conveying direction, between the deflecting wheels in order to support the conveying belt;

~~a drive, said drive pressure-exerting rollers which are arranged parallel to said carrying rollers and press a bottom strand of said conveying belt in a frictionally locking manner, from beneath against said carrying rollers causing the circumferential speed of this carrying roller to equal the running speed of the conveying belt even if the top strand is not resting on the carrying roller;~~

~~wherein said conveying belt comprises a toothed belt, wherein a toothed side of said toothed belt has a crosspiece which projects from a surface of said conveying belt and runs parallel to a longitudinal dimension of said conveying belt, wherein articles may be carried on a non-toothed side of said toothed belt.~~

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The conveying path as claimed in claim 21, wherein each of said pressure-exerting rollers is arranged between said carrying rollers as seen in the conveying direction.

4. (original) The conveying path as claimed in claim 3, wherein each of said pressure-exerting roller is arranged with an overlapping relationship to said carrying roller.

5. (original) The conveying path as claimed in claim 4, wherein the overlap of each of said pressure-exerting rollers in relation to said carrying roller is 5 mm.

6. – 7. (canceled)

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8. (previously presented) The conveying path as claimed in claim 1, wherein said carrying rollers comprise toothed rollers corresponding to said toothed belt, whereby engagement between said toothed belt and said toothed rollers ensure that said carrying rollers are positively driven.

9. – 14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A conveying path for articles, in particular for baggage containers, said conveying path comprising:

at least two spaced-apart conveyors which support articles, said at least two spaced-apart conveyors running parallel in a conveying direction, at least one of said conveyors having a driven endlessly circulating conveying belt guided over deflecting wheels wherein the articles can be carried on a top side of a top strand of said conveying belt;

carrying rollers arranged one behind the other in the conveying direction, between the deflecting wheels in order to support the conveying belt; and

pressure-exerting rollers which are arranged parallel to said carrying rollers, said pressure-exerting rollers including a pair of end pressure-exerting rollers being defined as the first and last pressure-exerting rollers relative to the conveying direction;

wherein said pressure-exerting rollers and press a bottom strand of said conveying belt in a frictionally locking manner[.]] from beneath against said carrying rollers located between said end pressure-exerting rollers, said pressure-exerting rollers causing the circumferential speed of the carrying rollers located between said end pressure-exerting rollers to equal the running speed of the conveying belt even if the top strand is not resting on the carrying roller.

16. (previously presented) The conveying path as claimed in claim 15, wherein each of said pressure-exerting roller is arranged with an overlapping relationship to said carrying rollers.

17. (previously presented) The conveying path as claimed in claim 16, wherein the overlap of each of said pressure-exerting rollers in relation to said carrying rollers is 5 mm.

18. (currently amended) The conveying path as claimed in claim 16, wherein said conveying belt comprises a toothed belt.

19. (previously presented) The conveying path as claimed in claim 18, wherein said carrying rollers comprise toothed rollers corresponding to said toothed belt, whereby engagement between said toothed belt and said toothed rollers ensure that said carrying rollers are positively driven.

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20. (currently amended) The conveying path as claimed in claim 1918, whercin a toothed side of said toothed belt has a crosspiece which projects from a surface of said conveying belt and runs parallel to a longitudinal dimension of said conveying belt, wherein articles may be carried on a non-toothed side of said toothed belt.

21. - 24. (canceled)

25. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 15, wherein each said carrying roller located between said end pressure-exerting rollers is located adjacent at least one said pressure-exerting roller.

26. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 15, wherein each of said pressure-exerting rollers is arranged between said carrying rollers as seen in the conveying direction.

27. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 20, whercin said carrying rollers include a radial groove, said radial groove being adapted to receive said crosspiece.

28. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 20, whercin said deflecting wheels include a radial groove, said radial groove being adapted to receive said crosspiece.

29. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 1, whercin said pressure-exerting rollers include a pair of end pressure-exerting rollers defined as the first and last pressure-exerting rollers relative to the conveying direction, and whercin said pressure-exerting rollers press said conveying belt against each said carrying roller located between said end pressure-exerting rollers relative to the conveying direction.

30. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 29, wherein each said carrying roller located between said end pressure-exerting rollers is located adjacent at least one said pressure-exerting roller.

31. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 1, wherein said carrying rollers include a radial groove, said radial groove being adapted to receive said crosspiece.

32. (new) The conveying path as claimed in claim 1, whercin said deflecting wheels include a radial groove, said radial groove being adapted to receive said crosspiece.